(b) if so, the tourist circuits / regions identified / selected under the scheme;

(c) whether the Railways have identified any sectors in Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh for promotion of tourism;

(d) if so, whether any package has been formulated to be launched in Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand; and

(e) whether the Railways have any proposal to introduce "Palace-on-Wheels" type of train in Andhra Pradesh for development of tourism in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Railways have taken steps for promoting tourism by running special trains / coaches for common passengers and luxury trains like Palace on Wheels, Royal Orient Express, and providing Indrail Passes, reservation quota, facilitation centres for the foreign tourists. A new company, Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), has also been set up for providing value added tourism packages.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Proposals for running Pilgrim Special trains and Palace on Wheels type train in Andhra Pradesh have not been found viable for the present.

Stoppage of trains at Subzi-Mandi station, Delhi

3450. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deluxe, Shatabdi, Himalayan Queen Express trains, which run towards Punjab, Chandigarh, do not have any stoppage at Subzi Mandi railway station, Delhi with the result that the passengers, from North and West Districts of Delhi have to go to New Delhi Railway Station, which causes great inconvenience to them; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide stoppage at this Railway Station and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. 2925 / 2926 Amritsar-Mumbai Paschim Express and 4095 / 4096 Kalka-Hazrat Nizamuddin Himalayan Queen Express are already stopping at Subzi Mandi Railway Station. However, stoppage of Shatabdi Express at Subzi Mandi Station is not justified. If such a stoppage is given it will invite similar demands from other quarters and result in deceleration of this train.